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PATENT

Docket No. 180.0003 0102

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Nancy D. HANSON et al.) Group Art Unit: 1655
Serial No.: 09/814,257) Examiner: F. Lu
Confirmation No.: 6204)
Filed: March 21, 2001)
For: PRIMERS FOR USE IN DETECTING BETA-LACTAMASES

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 14 August 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace pages 48-51 of the specification with substitute pages 48-51 as provided.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 12-16, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, and 51. The amended claims are provided below in clean form. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, amended claims are also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate changes made (for convenience, all pending claims, including those added hereby, are provided in Appendix A).

12. (Amended) A primer selected from the group of:

5' - CGT CGC TCA CCA TAT CTC CC - 3' (SEQ ID NO:34);